

Earth Day



The first Earth Day was held in 1970. In 1971 U Thant, The United Nations Secretary-General, said, "May there be peaceful and cheerful Earth Days to come for our beautiful Spaceship Earth as it continues to spin and circle in frigid space with its warm and fragile cargo of animate life." (U Thant was Burmese. In the Burmese language 'U' is a title similar to 'Mister'.)

Since then, every year there is a day that is dedicated to the promotion of global environmental issues and environmental awareness. There is also an unofficial Earth Day flag that shows an image of the Earth taken from space by NASA.

This is an **information report**. It includes a quote from a famous person. **Speech marks** show which words were actually spoken.



1 Read *Earth Day*. Circle the **noun groups**.

Rule! **Number adjectives** tell you about the **quantity** or **order** of a noun.

one two three first second last

Some **number adjectives** are precise. five second

Some **number adjectives** are vague. many some few



2 Find the **number adjective** in *Earth Day*. Write it on the line.

3 Complete the table to create **noun groups**.

Determiner	Number adjective	Describing adjective	Classifying adjective	Noun
those	three	new	dwarf	planets
		gigantic		
the			space	
your				
	many			

4 Think of book, rhyme, fairytale or song titles that have a **number adjective** in them, such as 'Three Blind Mice'. List them below. Then compare your list with a friend's.

Rule! **Direct speech** is the actual speech someone says. It is written inside **speech marks**.
"I want to go to the party!" cried Lucia.



5 Underline the **direct speech** in *Earth Day*.

6 Rewrite each sentence with correct punctuation.

I read a poem on assembly said tara

we gave my little cousin a book for his birthday said victoria

my teacher read us a quote by u thant about earth day said bing

did you know that u in burmese means mister asked lauren

imagine travelling on a space flight to mars said phoebe

Rule! **Verbs** can be turned into **nouns**. This is called **nominalisation**. Nominalisation enables more concepts to fit into a sentence. It can make texts seem more technical.
promoting (VERB) *global issues* → *the promotion* (NOUN) *of global issues*

7 Use each **verb** in a sentence. Then change each **verb** to a **noun**. Now use the **noun** in a sentence. Hint! To help you work out the noun, put *the* in front of it.

verb attend _____

noun _____

verb require _____

noun _____

verb behave _____

noun _____

verb attract _____

noun _____

Try it yourself!



Find a famous quote and record it as **direct speech**. Share it with your class. Say why you like it and why you think it is memorable. Tell your classmates the circumstances under which the quote was made.